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Parents to visit 'home' Family Day

Jessica R. Sadowsky
Entertainment Reporter

Fort Hays State will host its annual Family Day Saturday. Family Day is a day of events scheduled for the families of current FHSU students.

Parents have a chance to learn more about what their son or daughter is involved with at FHSU.

Students and their family members may visit with FHSU faculty and have a chance to tour the newly built Tomanek Hall, as well as visit the departments which coincide with the student's major.

Families will start off the day by attending the family reception at 9 a.m. in the residence halls.

Families may purchase tickets for the FHSU vs. the Colorado School of Mines football game for \$5 for adults and \$3 for grades K-12 at the Memorial Union.

An Italian buffet will close the day

Family Day
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OFF TO GRANDMA'S Brenda Lemon puts makeup on her children, Jess and Kendra, outside of Forsyth Library for a trip to visit their grandmother Saturday afternoon. (University Leader photo by Mark Bowers)

Campaign drive's success depends on 'united' effort

Kathy D. Hanson
Staff Writer

Shrinking pledges for the campus United Way campaign are slowing the fulfillment of this year's goal to match the \$17,000 raised in 1994.

According to Bob Lowen, director of University Relations and United Way campus chairman, donations from faculty and staff are minimal so far in the campaign.

"We have not raised nearly as much as last year, and we will have to close the campaign probably within a week. Hopefully the pledges are in the mail," he said.

Lowen said one reason for the slow response may be some confusion with the brochure and information mailed about the campaign drive.

Each faculty and staff member received a brochure with a pledge card located on the right hand flap.

Lowen said he has received calls from people who mistakenly discarded the brochure not realizing the pledge card was printed inside it.

"If someone needs a new pledge card, just contact me and let me know. We'll get one in the mail right away," Lowen said.

The United Way campaign is important to Lowen, who previously served as Ellis County fund drive chairman, because of the 13 agencies the funds support.

Lowen said, "It's a great cause, a very worthy cause."

Shala Bannister, affirmative action officer and United Way president of board of directors, said giving money to United Way allows people to give something to the community.

All 13 agencies which receive funds are located within Ellis County.

"Some reasons to support United Way are funds help provide victims of domestic violence with a safe place to go. Also, it helps people with disabilities have meaningful employment, like working with the Hays recycling program," Bannister said.

Funds also help provide special services to children with disabilities in day care and provides emergency and disaster relief when needed.

She added, "We are also able to fund one-time grants for certain agencies."

"We dedicated money to AmeriCorps, provided a grant for an after school program at an elementary school, and helped fund the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt."

According to a press release, the 1995 campaign has currently totaled \$134,300 toward its \$203,000 goal.

Community businesses and corporations, such as Wal-Mart and Yuasa-Exide, are increasing their contributions over last year's totals.

Yuasa-Exide donations continue to grow, now reaching \$26,400. Wal-Mart employees increased donations 20 percent this year. With a 50 percent match from the corporate office, Wal-Mart has now raised \$10,800.

Charles Reese, campaign drive chair, said, "We are seeing nice surprises from other areas of the campaign as well. Pledges from businesses in the retail division are already at more than 120 percent of their goal and more is still coming in."

Bannister said, "United Way touches so many different peoples' lives, people with disabilities, children, the elderly, all kinds of different groups."

Spring semester early registration information

Students are to contact their advisors for data entry of their class schedules by the following schedule (data entry of a class schedule is not possible prior to scheduled time):

Graduates/Seniors:	
N-Z	Tuesday, October 31
A-M	Wednesday, November 1
Juniors:	
N-Z	Friday, November 3
A-M	Monday, November 6
Sophomores:	
N-Z	Wednesday, November 8
A-M	Friday, November 10
Freshmen:	
N-Z	Monday, November 13
A-M	Wednesday, November 15

Revised class schedule for Thursday

The class schedule will be altered to accommodate the 41st annual Student-Counselor-Principal Conference. Only morning and lunch hour classes will be affected by the change. For more information about the conference, call the College of Education at 628-5866.

50 min. class	Revised version	75 min. class	Revised version
7:30-8:20	7:30-8:10	7:30-8:45	7:30-8:30
8:30-9:20	8:20-9:00	9:05-10:20	8:50-9:50
9:30-10:20	9:10-9:50		
Free period from 10:00 to 10:50			
10:30-11:20	11:00-11:40	10:30-11:45	11:00-12:00
11:30-12:20	11:50-12:30	12:05-1:20	12:20-1:20
12:30-1:20	12:40-1:20		

Regular class times resume

Have a safe
and happy
Halloween!



PUPPY LOVE Zach Larison, Hays, and his dog, Duke, play among one of the rose beds outside of Picken Hall yesterday. Zack named his dog after the John Wayne movie "The Duke." (University Leader photo by Chris Jeter)

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Trick-or-Treat
The Alpha Kappa Psi Foundation will be raising money for the American Fidelity Insurance Company, Nov. 13; Nash Finch Company, Nov. 14; and Natural Resources Conservation Services, Nov. 15.

Blood Drive
The FHSU Blood Drive will be today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union. For more information, contact Marcie Mein at 628-4178.

Yearbook
Anyone who has not picked up his/her Reveille yearbook can do so in Picken 104. Books are free to 1994-1995 full-time students.

Interviews
Sign-ups are now available for interviews with the following companies: American Fidelity Insurance Company, Nov. 13; Nash Finch Company, Nov. 14; and Natural Resources Conservation Services, Nov. 15. For more information, contact Career Development and Placement Services at 628-4260.

Alpha Kappa Psi
Alpha Kappa Psi will have a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Black and Gold Ballroom, Memorial Union. A panel discussion will begin at 7 p.m.

Diversity program
The Kelly Center and Union Activities Board invite the public to a Diversity Awareness Program at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Trade Room, Memorial Union. The program will feature the movie "Higher Learning" starring Jermi' Gandy, Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr., Tyra Banks and Michael Rapaport. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for the public. Call 628-4178 for more information.

Peace Corps Experience
The Peace Corps Experience will be held at 7 p.m. in the Trade Room, Memorial Union. The event is free and open to all. Call 628-4178 for more information.



COOL IS THE RULE Drum major Adam DeVault, Hays senior, directs the Fort Hays State Marching Band in the High Plains Marching Band Festival at Lewis Field Saturday. (University Leader photo by Mark Bowers)

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Spotlight organization

Editor's Note: The "Spotlight organization" story will be printed in every Tuesday edition of The University Leader for the remainder of the semester. If you would like to share news of an organization's activities, please include pertinent information in letter form and send it/drop it off in our office: Attn: Managing Editor, The University Leader, Picken 104. Publication is not guaranteed.

Club fun to be had 'after hours'

Jessica R. Sadowsky
Entertainment Reporter

The Black Student Union at Fort Hays State invites the public to "After Hours" at the Backdoor, Custer Hall, from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. every Saturday night.

According to Quentin Choice, BSU sponsor, "After Hours" is alcohol free, smoke free and fight free.

"We try to present a good atmosphere," Choice said.

Choice also said he wants to keep a good reputation in order for "After Hours" to continue.

Admission is \$1 from 11 p.m.-1 a.m. and \$2 from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m.

According to Choice, admission is more from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. because more students attend "After Hours" at that time.

Choice said BSU will donate half of the proceeds to a local charity of its preference.

According to Choice, a wide variety of music is offered at "After Hours."

Choice said "After Hours" features "rap, rhythm and blues, reggae and even Go-Go."

"It's just a place where anyone can come and dance."

He also said there are other things to do besides dance.

"People play cards and other kinds of games and sometimes contests are held."

"Once in a while we'll have people show-off their talents and see who is the best."

Choice also said when everything else closes, "After Hours" is still going strong until 4 a.m.

"The Rose, the Home and the Rail all close at a certain time. The parties usually end up getting broken up, but we're still here until 4 a.m."

According to Choice, home game nights are the nights when the most people attend.

"After Hours" is alcohol free. The group sells soda for 50 cents.

For more information contact Choice at 628-4401.

Gingrich route makes stop in Wichita

Support for fundraising results in protests from some Kansas special interest groups at two Wichita conferences last week.

Michael Bates
Associated Press Writer

WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—Congress will not abandon American farmers, despite its budget-cutting priorities, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said today.

"I don't think federal farm payments are welfare any more than allowing you to have a first home mortgage tax deduction is welfare," the Georgia Republican said during a press conference between two fundraising events for Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan.

The principles of the Freedom to Farm Act, written by House Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., will be the direction the House will take for the 1995 Farm Bill, Gingrich said.

Roberts' idea is to maintain some economic support for agriculture while allowing farmers to better compete in world markets.

Tiahrt spokesmen said about 80 people attended a \$1,000 per person reception for Gingrich this morning at the Airport Hilton, while another 300 attended a \$100 a plate breakfast.

About 100 protesters huddled together in windy conditions on public property across the street from the hotel before and during Gingrich's appearances. The group included environmentalists, pro-choice advocates, Machinists union members and others.

The protesters criticized positions taken by Gingrich and the Republican-majority Congress on such topics as abortion, foreign trade agreements and hiring replacement workers for strikers.

At his press conference, Gingrich was asked about the Machinists union strike against Boeing and the union's opposition to Boeing sending airplane manufacturing jobs overseas.

"Part of what they have to look at is what it's going to take to compete in the world market," Gingrich said.

Boeing management and labor leaders need to sit down and figure out how to make good airplanes at the lowest cost possible to be competitive overseas, the speaker said.

Many foreign countries that buy a significant number of airplanes now are requiring some sort of participation in the manufacturing of the planes, he said.

Boeing machinists went on strike Oct. 5 over job security, health benefits and wages. The Machinists represent more than 32,000 Boeing workers.

In Kansas, the union claims 5,200 members and negotiates contracts for roughly 7,400 hourly employees.

Gingrich's Wichita stop was one of a number he has made in the past two weeks. Other appearances include Tulsa, Okla., for a fund-raiser, and Omaha, Neb., for a fund-raiser for Rep. Jon Christensen and to visit Boys Town.

Spicy program features Latin America

The University Activities Board and the International Student Union will present International Spice, featuring Latin America at 7 p.m. Thursday at The Backdoor, Custer Hall.

Four Latin American Fort Hays State students will talk about their homeland and their country's customs and prepare food for no charge.

This is the only chance remaining to attend until next semester, according to Eric Tinchler, UAB director.

"This is the last International Spice for the semester, and the ISU students put a lot of effort into it."

"Latin America is close to us and therefore people may be more familiar with their customs and it's a great way for students to meet someone from a different country," Tinchler said.

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According to advisor Roben-Lojka...

Alcohol awareness week makes successful impact

Jessica R. Sadowsky
Entertainment Reporter

The National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness week had many successes throughout, according to Shelly Roben-Lojka, Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning Health of University Students and Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol advisor.

Friday, Oct. 13, a mock wreck presented by six GAMMA members was one of the biggest successes of the week, according to Roben-Lojka.

The mock wreck had a major impact on those who participated.

"They realized when they started hearing the sirens what it would feel like if they were in that situation."

"It was frightening for me to watch the students I see every week involved in this, even though I had been a part of planning it for three weeks."

"I hope people realize they put themselves and others at risk when they get into a car after drinking."

According to Roben-Lojka, "Two vehicles were provided by Hays Auto Parts, one of them was actually in an alcohol related accident."

The same day, the Wellness Fair took place at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

"I was really pleased with the turnout of the faculty, students and community members at the Wellness Fair," Roben-Lojka said.

An opening ceremony was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16. Thirty-six seconds of silence were observed in memory of the 36 Kansas drunk drivers who died in 1994.

"The most touching part of the opening ceremony to me and the students involved was that someone had placed pink rose petals on the car in front of the Memorial Union."

"We don't know anything about the person who put the petals on the car. We don't know if they lost someone to drinking and driving or if it just

impacted them. It touched one person and they took the time to do that."

Tuesday, Oct. 17, were the seatbelt relays in the residence hall area. Roben-Lojka was disappointed with the turnout of this event.

"I don't think we got the word out well enough. Next year, we will have to do a better job of making people aware of it."

Wednesday, Oct. 18, was also a success, according to Roben-Lojka, because the 36 faces of death impacted so many people.

The 36 faces of death were students who dressed completely in black which represented the 36 drunk drivers.

"I was pleased with the campus organizations that worked together to make the 36 faces of death a success," Roben-Lojka said.

Also, Wednesday night the Ritzy Breakfast took place in the McMindes Hall cafeteria.

"A lot of residence hall people, off-campus people and a whole bunch of Greek students attended the breakfast and PFM (Professional Food Management) did a wonderful job with the food," according to Roben-Lojka.

Thursday, Oct. 19, the Board of Regents were given a presentation with the 36 seconds of silence by BACCHUS and GAMMA members.

"Friday, the fun night also went really well. I hope students next year will look forward to what we are doing and people will remember this week for next year," Roben-Lojka said.

Students from both BACCHUS and GAMMA will be attending a national conference in Washington, D.C. this weekend. Eight members in all, four from each organization, will serve as representatives.

They will conduct another round of seatbelt relays for the convention, like the ones presented at FHSU.

The organizations are also in contention for an award recognizing their services.

James Nugent awarded for work with wellness

James R. Sadowsky
Copy Editor

James Nugent, coordinator for the Fort Hays State Wellness Network, was recently awarded the Kansas Association of Broadcasters Tony Award for his contributions in the field.

Nugent was recognized and received a check for \$500 Oct. 18. Nugent said the money will go to the Drug, Alcohol and Wellness Network at FHSU.

Nugent has been at FHSU since 1967, but did not become coordinator of the wellness network until 1988.

In his position at FHSU, Nugent

has been involved in the creation and implementation of many prevention, wellness and treatment programs on campus.

The FHSU Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students chapter was established in 1984.

He realized, "What really needs to happen is students need to take responsibility for themselves and their habits. They need to form a different kind of culture and realize this kind of behavior is damaging to their health."

About the time BACCHUS was established, the legislation concerning changing the drinking age to 21 was being presented. According to Nugent, the Student Government Association believed if there was a BACCHUS chapter on campus, the



James Nugent

Nugent, Greeks have been active in BACCHUS, but "GAMMA came about because, after watching BACCHUS, I came to believe it was necessary to have a separate association for Greeks."

"I think we need to make these organizations specific groups of stu-

dents, such as GAMMA and now Challenging Athlete's Minds for Personal Success or CHAMPS."

"Students themselves need to see a problem and set out to do something about it."

With Nugent's guidance, FHSU received national recognition in 1989, 1990 and 1991, for being among the top 40 programs in the United States promoting National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Nugent also started "Tiger by the Tale," a group of FHSU students who use theater to deliver prevention messages to student audiences in the U.S. and Canada.

Jim was named U.S. Advisor of the Year for BACCHUS in 1991, and he was runner up in 1989.

Family Day
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at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union, with tickets \$7.75 for adults, \$4.75 for kids 10 and under and \$5.75 for FHSU boarding students with a valid meal plan.

Buffet tickets must be purchased by Thursday.

Tickets for the day's events may be purchased at the Memorial Union. According to Pat Mahon, interim

registrar, "It gives FHSU students an opportunity to show off the campus."

Eric Tinch, director of the University Activities Board, agrees, "It's a great day for the university to put its best foot forward."

Mahon also said the students' parents will be able to interact with faculty and students.

"It's a time for family members

and significant others to see what is happening on our campus," Mahon said.

Tinch said, "It's an opportunity for parents who have never been to the campus to see where their kids are going to school."

"The university will be able to meet their families and show how they are taking care of their kids and

the quality of education they are getting."

"We want to tell the families we appreciate their students here and give the students a chance to introduce their families to a favorite professor."

For more information concerning Family Day, or to receive a Family Day brochure, contact Tinch at 628-5801.

The 'science of movement' becomes conventional

Kari Sparks
Staff Writer

Members of the Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, will host a convention at Fort Hays State this weekend.

Physical education instructors will share successful teaching techniques and knowledge, John Zody, associate professor in the department of health and human performance, said.

"Physical Education is not just rolling balls onto the gym floor."

"P.E. is also the science of move-

ment," Zody said.

According to Zody, the convention will focus on the scientific aspects of P.E.

Professionals in the teaching field will discuss researched theories on effective teaching techniques, Zody said.

"We will discuss effective ways of presenting material and meeting state standards," Zody said.

The convention, which takes place every four years, allows instructors from all over the state, "to get together and share knowledge and ideas," Zody said.

According to Zody, the conven-

tion will take a "cafeteria approach."

"There will be cross-sectional information to pick and choose from."

"The physical education field is multi-faceted. There are many different aspects," Zody said.

Zody said all levels of teaching, from elementary to college will be represented.

"The convention will be set up so that people can pick and attend what they are interested in," Zody said.

According to Zody, many different interests such as wellness and fitness, teaching techniques and stress management will be available.

Sessions for education majors

about making an effective portfolio for prospective employers and job-search tips will also be available, Zody said.

A complete schedule is available in the HHP department, located in Cunningham 139.

The convention will take place Friday and Saturday in Cunningham Hall.

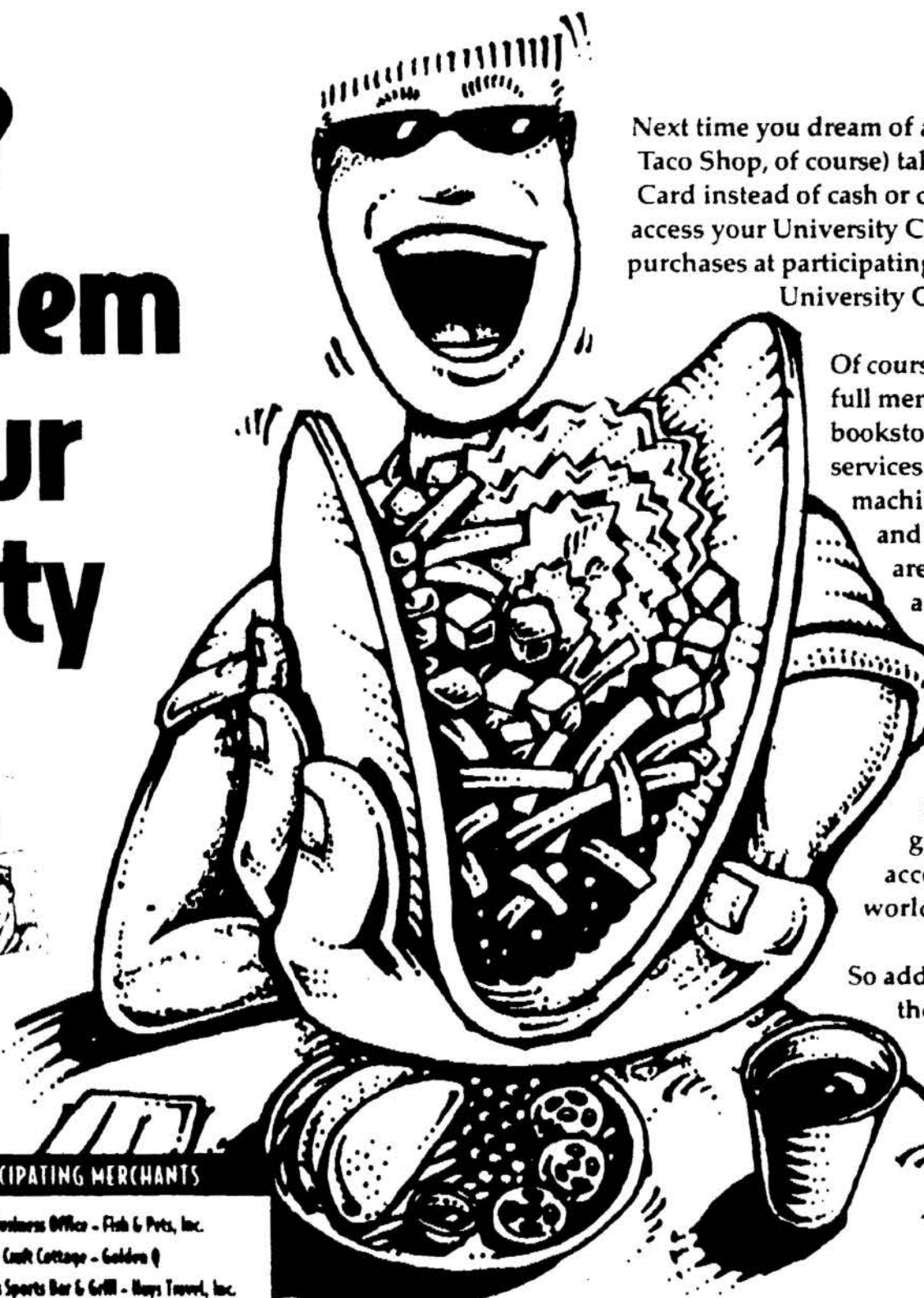
Friday, sessions begin at 8:20 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Saturday, sessions will run from 8:45 a.m. to noon.

Those interested must register by Friday morning at the HHP department in Cunningham 139, Zody said.

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BLOCKED SHOT Emporia State Hornet Bonnie Ogilvie tries to spike the ball while Lady Tiger Aimee Sayles and Lisa Wolverton attempt to block the shot. (University Leader photo by Matt Shepker)

Lady Tiger volleyball team encounters bad luck

Ali Moore
Staff Writer

The Lady Tiger volleyball team played good volleyball last weekend, but had bad luck.

The Tigers lost Friday to the Chadron State College Eagles, 7-15, 12-15, 15-9, 13-15.

They also lost on Saturday to the Colorado School of Mines Orediggers, 16-14, 7-15, 15-12, 11-15, 10-15.

"We played good volleyball both matches but had our mistakes," Head volleyball Coach Jody Wise said.

On Friday, the Tigers served won-

derfully and kept the Eagles off balance, but Saturday they made several service errors against the Orediggers, Wise said.

This week the women will be traveling to Las Vegas, N.M., home of the New Mexico Highlands Cowboys.

Las Vegas is the host site of the Regional Conference Tournament which is taking place there Thursday through Saturday.

The Tigers, who are seeded 8th in the tournament brackets, will be playing the No. 9 seed Adams State College at 5 p.m. Thursday.

The winner of this match will go

on to face the University of Nebraska-Kearney the No. 1 seeded team.

This tournament will be run in double elimination form, which means the women will be allowed two losses before they are terminated from tournament play.

"We hope to win against Adams State so we can move into the winning side of the bracket and go from there," Wise said.

All-Conference team members will also be selected at this tournament.

The Tigers will end their season Wednesday, Nov. 8, playing host to Washburn University.

Nielsen and Vann hope to extend season at South Central Regional

Rod Smith
Staff Writer

On Saturday, the Tiger cross country teams will run at the South Central Regional in Alamosa, Colo., with hopes of extending their seasons for two more weeks.

For two Tigers, seniors Leslie Nielsen and Summer Vann, it may be their last chance to run cross country sporting the Tiger black and gold.

"Those two, along with Jen West, have been the leaders all year," Head Coach Jim Krob said. "When you have seniors that set the pace, it makes everybody else step it up."

This year, Nielsen placed first in the K-State Invitational and Vann placed first in the Emporia State Invitational.

A native of Winner, S.D., Nielsen attended Colby Community College for two years before coming to FHSU in the fall of 1993.

This is her last semester at Fort Hays State. She will graduate in December with a degree in exercise science with an emphasis in athletic training.

After graduation, she plans to return to Colby, where she will enroll in the physical therapy assistant program.

No stranger to national competitions, Nielsen, during her first stint at Colby, competed nationally in cross country, both indoor and outdoor track and was national junior college marathon champion.

At last year's NCAA Cross Country Championships at Kearney, Neb., Nielsen was the highest Tiger finisher and earned all-American honors, placing 16th.

If the Tigers qualify for this year's national meet, it will be Nielsen's 10th national competition in her sixth cross country season.

Despite running track since grade school, Nielsen only took up cross country in her last two years of high school.

Nielsen's relative newness to the sport may explain her comment "They still say I haven't shown all my



Leslie Nielsen

potential yet." Vann, an elementary education major from Lakin, started running when she was nine or 10 in Amateur Athletic Union events.

While she doesn't consider herself much of a distance runner, she has excelled at cross country starting with her freshman year of high school.

Vann earned all-State, all-League and all-Regional honors all four years, while her team won three state championships and was runner-up the other year. Following her outstanding prep career, Vann chose FHSU over both Pittsburg State and Emporia State.

A year ago, she finished 35th at nationals.

She plans to student teach in the fall of 1996 and then look for a teaching position. If none present them-



Summer Vann

record in the 400-meter hurdles.

Vann and Nielsen already are part of two school record relay teams, the indoor two mile relay and the outdoor 3,200 meter relay.

Most memorable moments....

"(Individually) I'd have to say Nationals last year," Nielsen said. "I wasn't worried about anything. I was totally relaxed, I'd been in a national meet before, so I knew what it was going to be like."

"I went out, ran with the pack and just kept moving up."

For Vann, her most memorable performance was a repeat win at the ESU Invitational.

"I won it my junior and senior year," Vann said, noting her familiarity with the course.

From the team aspect, Nielsen felt this season's

Adams State Invitational was most memorable.

"I didn't run so good, but the team did," Nielsen said. "We almost beat Western, and we knew we had a shot and when we went back there for the Regional meet we would get a chance to actually beat Western."

Ultimate goal....

While both runners acknowledged the challenge of qualifying for nationals, both, also have similar aspirations for the remainder of this season.

"We have probably the best team we have ever had," Vann said, "and we know what to expect."

"For our team to qualify for nationals; to place in the top 10 at nationals and make all-American," Vann said, when asked what her goals for the season were.

"I really think we will go to nationals," Nielsen said.

"I enjoy (cross country) more than track, just because it's more team oriented."

Leslie Nielson

selves, she said she will go on to graduate school where she will study speech pathology.

What will you miss most about cross country?

"I don't know that I'll miss the competing," Vann said, "but I'll miss seeing and being with my teammates every day."

Nielsen's sentiments were similar.

"I enjoy (cross country) more than track, just because it's more team oriented," Nielsen said. "I'll be doing more for myself and not for a team anymore after I'm done here."

Despite having run out of cross country eligibility, both athletes will continue to run after this season.

Nielsen said she and some other FHSU alums will put together an Alumni team which will compete in U.S. Track and Field Cross Country competitions.

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Tigers have spots

Four cross country runners secure positions for regionals

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On Saturday, four Tiger cross country runners assured themselves spots on the Tiger's regional team with their efforts at the Southwestern Invitational in Winfield.

On the men's side, Aaron Lessor, Great Bend junior, led the Tigers.

He finished 28th out of 88 runners, covering the 8,000 meter course in 27 minutes and 10 seconds.

Lessor's effort cut one minute and 23 seconds from his season best.

Also running for the men was Justin Mitchell, Smith Center freshman.

He placed 69th in 29:13. Leading the way for the women were two freshmen—Lisa Davies, McPherson and Robin Spies, WaKeeney.

Both women covered the 5,000 meter course in under 20 minutes and posted season bests.

Davies, who finished 21st, crossed the finish line in 19:48, a 35 second improvement.

Only three places back, Spies completed the course in 19:53, a season best by 51 seconds.

LynAnn Bachelor, Bucklin junior, was the third Tiger to cross the finish line, earning her a spot on the regional squad.

She finished 39th out of 92 runners, completing the course in 20:44.

Out of 16 teams, the Lady Tigers finished seventh.

Rounding out the women's team were two sophomores.

Nikki Cucchetti, Grand Junction, Colo., and Dena Saenger, Bennington.

Cucchetti finished 50th in 21:12, while Saenger placed 63rd in 21:46.

The Tigers will run Saturday at



DON'T LOOK BACK Jason Shanahan, McKinney, Texas, sophomore, runs in the Tiger Invitational Oct. 14. (University Leader photo by Matt Shepker)

the South Central Regional in Alamosa, Colo.

Race time for the women is scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m., while the men are scheduled to follow at 11 a.m.

The Tigers ran at Alamosa Sept. 9 in the Adams State Invitational.

Both men's and women's teams will be vying for a trip to the national meet, which is Nov. 18 at Spartanburg, S.C.

In order to qualify for nationals, the men have to place in the top three and the women have to finish in the top four.

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